



Flathead Lake Marine Trail



Thompson Chain of Lakes



Alberton Gorge



Yurt at Big Arm

Other Recreational Opportunities

Fishing Access Sites These 320 sites, managed by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, provide public access to rivers and lakes throughout the state. Check with regional FWP offices for local fish species and fishing conditions. Many sites offer overnight camping, with some charging a camping fee. Pick up the Fishing Access Guide at an FWP office to find out which sites also offer boat launch opportunities.

Flathead Lake Marine Trail Framed by the peaks of the Mission, Swan and Salish mountains, Flathead Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. The Marine Trail is a network of access points, stopovers and campsites around the lake for those wishing to explore its crystal clear waters, islands and shoreline with human or wind-powered "beachable" watercraft. The Marine Trail map lists public areas where access and camping are allowed, approximate paddling distances between them, and available facilities. State Parks on the lake have campsites along the water reserved until 6 p.m. for campers who arrive by human-powered boats.

Phone: 406-752-5501

Thompson Chain of Lakes This 3,000-acre area provides visitors with many different recreational opportunities including fishing for lake trout and smallmouth bass, camping, boating, swimming, and some of the most outstanding wildlife viewing in Northwest Montana.

Location: 35 to 55 miles west of Kalispell, consists of 21 lakes and 56 campsites.

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Alberton Gorge The famed Alberton Gorge, with its incredible scenery and recreational treasures, makes a perfect family trip on a hot summer day. Located 35 miles west of Missoula, the Gorge is a canyon section of the Clark Fork River with Class II and III whitewater. Many commercial outfitters offer raft trips or you may take your own raft or kayak. Best time to run this river is July & August, after the high water. For more information call 406-542-5500.

Blackfoot River Recreation Corridor Exceptional scenery and classic trout habitat combine to make the lower stretch of the Blackfoot River one of the more popular rivers in Montana for fly fishing, rafting and just relaxing. Just east of Missoula, the Corridor is a partnership between landowners, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to provide protection of natural resources and private property and to provide public safety along 26 miles of river.

For detailed information about the area and Special Recreation Permits, contact 406-677-6804 or 406-542-5500.



Accommodations

Reserve a yurt, tipi or cabin for added adventure at a Montana State Park. It's a great way to camp without pounding a stake or leveling a rig. A yurt is a circular, domed tent used for centuries by nomadic tribes of Siberia. Our yurts at Big Arm State Park, which sleep up to six people, are complete with beds, tables, a lockable door, electricity, and a deck with incredible views of Flathead Lake.

Sioux-style tipis are located at Beavertail Hill, Bannack, Lewis and Clark Caverns and Missouri Headwaters state parks. The 18-foot diameter canvas tipis can comfortably sleep six to eight people. They have no furnishings, but do have indoor, outdoor carpeting and a picnic table and fire grill located outside. The cabins at Lewis and Clark Caverns State Parks are a peaceful, comfortable retreat at the end of a day of adventuring. Each cabin contains a double bed, bunk beds, table with chairs, electricity and heat. Cooking grills are located outside each cabin and flush toilets and shower facilities are a short walk away. Call individual Park directly for reservations.

Park Fee Information

Montana residents arriving in a vehicle with valid Montana license plates are allowed to enter State Parks for free. Camping, tour, special event and other fees still apply.

Nonresident visitors are required to pay day-use fees, which can range from \$2 to \$5. If you prefer, you may obtain an annual Montana State Parks Passport for unlimited use. Passports are \$25 for the first vehicle and \$20 for additional vehicles. They can be purchased at any state park, regional FWP office or online at fwp.mt.gov/parks. Federal passports, such as Golden Eagle, Golden Age and Golden Access, are not valid in Montana State Parks.

Disabled Accessibility

It is the intent of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to provide facilities and programs that accommodate the needs of all, including people with disabilities, and to enhance the outdoor experience for all individuals given the limitations of natural and physical features. For a complete list of accessible sites, visit our web page at fwp.mt.gov and click on "Accessibility" at the bottom of the page. Further information on accessibility can be obtained by contacting individual park areas at the phone numbers listed.



Rental Cabin at Lewis and Clark Caverns



Bannack



Day of Honor Chief Plenty Coups



Bannack Days